

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

## PARKS AND RECREATION

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

#### **Goal Statement**

To provide for the safety, comfort, and convenience of the public by creating, maintaining, and managing infrastructure and programs supporting recreation, parks and open space.

# Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights Quality of Life

- Developed the J.R. Alford Greenway, and the Miccosukee Greenway, Land Management Plans in partnership with the Greenway's Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Prepared project descriptions and cost estimates to expand the County's parks, including the Northeast Park, the Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park, and to implement the Greenways Master Plan. Presented the projects to the Sales Tax Committee.
- Completed the plans, specifications, and permitting for the construction of Miccosukee Community Park ball fields. Construction is planned to begin late summer 2013.
- Developing a master plan for the development of Leon County's Apalachee Regional Park to accommodate yearround events. The park includes the cross country trail, which is attracting top local, regional, and national talent.
- Continued developing Leon County's parks and greenways, including Okeeheepkee Prairie Park, Fred George Park and St. Marks Headwater Greenway.

#### **Contact Us**

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### MAINTAINING LEON COUNTY'S PRISTINE PARKS & GREENWAYS

- Leon County continued to operate, maintain, develop, and promote the many unique recreational amenities the community desires.
- Operated and maintained seven community parks, a regional park, three campgrounds, 25 boat landings, six community centers, and more than 2,600 acres of greenways, providing a wide variety of active and passive recreational opportunities, preserving valuable open space, enhancing residents' quality of life, and providing important economic benefits.
- Completed significant renovations and improvements at Leon County's Apalachee Regional Park, to draw local and national cross county events, improve traffic flow to and from the facility, and to insure water quality. Partnerships with Leon County Schools, Florida State University, and the Gulf Winds Track Club gave rise to nine running events hosted at the facility during the year.
- Opened a new state-of-the-art community center in the Lake
  Jackson Town Center at Huntington, adjacent to the Lake Jackson
  Branch Library. These facilities support the needs of a growing
  community surrounding their North Monroe Street location.
  The community center has two meeting rooms. One can seat
  approximately 85 people, and boasts a built-in projector with
  multimedia hookups to enable computer training. The second
  can seat approximately 38 people. It contains a large 52-inch
  television wired for multimedia purposes.
- Provided a variety of activities for seniors, in partnership with Leon County Senior Outreach, which conducts monthly Senior Days at Fort Braden, Chaires, Lake Jackson, Miccosukee and Woodville Community Centers. The community centers also provided venues for community events and for residents to celebrate anniversaries, retirements, reunions, and other life events.



FHSAA Cross County Championships at Apalachee Regional Park

- Hosted Greenway Day 2012, featuring the greenway's vast hiking, cycling, horseback riding, stargazing and general recreational opportunities that are available throughout the year.
- Celebrated responsible pet use throughout local parks by hosting "For the Love of Pets and Parks." During the event, information was provided about Miccosukee Greenway, the County's park system and humane animal care and control services.
- Leon County Parks and Recreation coordinated and oversaw an extensive demolition and rehabilitation project at Hall Landing Campground, through the services of 52 youth volunteers from Catholic Youth Services. This volunteer project saved the County nearly \$15,000.







- Renovated two playgrounds (Stoneler Road Park and J. Lee Vause Park) including the installation of new equipment, adding ADA accessible accomodations, and upgrading the playing surface to a shock-absorbing rubber surface for a better user experience.
- Staff safely conducted eight prescribed burns this year encompassing close to 1,000 acres. Prescribed burning is an important tool in Florida for managing the aesthetic values of natural landscapes, in addition to managing fuels, wildlife habitat and native plant species.





Youth volunteers from Catholic Youth Services help renovate Hall Landing Campground

## **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Phone Number for Community Centers (850) 606-1470

Chaires Community Center 4768 Chaires Road

Bradfordville Community Center 3439 Bannerman Road

Fort Braden Community Center 16387 Blountstown Highway

**Lake Jackson Community Center** 3840 N. Monroe Street, Suite 301

Miccosukee Community Center 13887 Moccasin Gap Road

Woodville Community Center 8000 Old Woodville Road



Lake Jackson Community Center



#### LEON COUNTY PARKS

**Apalachee Regional Park** 

7550 Apalachee Pkwy.; 4 Multipurpose fields (2 lighted, 2 not lighted), Soccer, Football

**Canopy Oaks Community Park** 

3250 Point View Dr.; 2 Little League Fields (lighted), 2 Tennis Courts (lighted), Multipurpose Field (lighted), Concession/Restroom, Playgound

Daniel B. Chaires Community Park

4768 Chaires Cross Rd.; 4 Tennis Courts (lighted), 2 Basketball Courts, Restrooms/Concession Building, 2 Little League Baseball Fields (lighted), 1 T-Ball Field (not lighted)

**Fort Braden Community Park** 

Located adjacent to the new Fort Braden School; 2 Little League Baseball Fields (lighted), Multipurpose Field (lighted), Restrooms/Concession Building

J. Lee Vause Park

6024 Old Bainbridge Rd.; 6 Picnic Pavilions (available for rental), 26 Acres Open, Wooded Spaces, 1 Mile of Hard Surface Paths for Bikes and Pedestrians, Extensive Boardwalk, Restrooms, Playground, Volleyball Net

J. Lewis Hall Sr., Woodville Park and Recreation Complex

1492 J Lewis Hall Sr. Ln.; 4 Little League Baseball Fields (lighted), Junior League Field (lighted), Softball Field (lighted), 2 Basketball Courts, Multipurpose Field (lighted), Youth & Tot Playground, Restrooms/Concession Building

J.R. Alford Greenway

2500 S. Pedrick Rd.; Over 800 Acres of Trails and Open Space for Hikers, Mountain Bicyclists, Equestrians (Horse Trailer Parking)

**Jackson View Park** 

2585 Clara Kee Blvd.; Walking Trails, Picnic Area, Open Space, Observation Deck **Kate Ireland Park** 

12271 Iamonia Landing Rd.; Picnic Shelter, Playground, Nature Trails, Restrooms

Lake Henrietta Park

3305 Springhill Rd.; Walking Trail (Paved, 1.2 Miles Long)

**Gilwaters Preserve Park** 

5800 Crawfordville Hwy.; Picnic Shelter, Restrooms, Nature Trails. Landing

Martha Wellman Park

5317 W. Tennessee St.; Walking Trails (7/10 Mile Long)

Miccosukee Canopy Rd. Greenway

5600 Miccosukee Rd.; 14 Miles of Trails and 500 Acres of Open Space for Hikers, Mountain Bicyclists, Equestrians, Picnic Tables and Benches

Miccosukee Community Park

Located at the Old Concord School House on Moccasin Gap Rd.; Youth Playground, 2 Basketball Courts (lighted), 2 Picnic Shelters, Junior League Baseball Field. Concession/Restroom

**Pedrick Pond** 

5701 Mahan Dr.; Walking Trail (7/10 Mile Long)

Stoneler Rd. Park

Located off of Capital Circle Northwest; Little League Field (lighted), Picnic Shelter, Playground, Concession/Restroom

Tower Rd. Park

Northwest Area; Multipurpose Field (lighted), Baseball, Football, Soccer, Playground, Picnic Shelter, Concession/Restroom

## LEON COUNTY BOAT LANDINGS

**Ben Stoutamire Landing** Ben Stoutamire Road off

of SR 20 on Lake Talquin **Bull Headley Landing** 

Bull Headley Road on South Lake Iamonia

Cedar Hill Landing Cedar Hill Road on East Carr Lake

Coe Landing

Coe's Landing Road off of SR 20 on SE Lake Talquin

Crowder Landing
Crowder Road and US 27
North on Lake Jackson

**Cypress Landing** 

Cypress Landing Road on East Lake Miccosukee

Elkhorn Landing Elkhorn Road off of SR 20

on South Lake Talquin

Faulk Drive Landing
Faulk Drive on West

Lake Jackson

Fuller Road Landing
Fuller Road on West
Lake Jackson

Hall Landing
Hall's Landing Road off of SR
20 on South Lake Talquin

Lake Munson Landing Munson Landing Road on East Lake Munson

Meginnis Arm Landing Off Lakeshore Drive on Lake Jackson

Miller Landing
Miller Landing Road on
East Lake Jackson

Ochlockonee Landing
Tower Road, at the End of Road

Reeves Landing
Reeves Landing Road on
NW Lake Miccosukee

Rhoden Cove Landing Rhoden Cove Road on East Lake Jackson Sunset Landing
Old Bainbridge Road on
West Lake Jackson

US 27 North Landing Lake Jackson

Van Brunt Landing Lake lamonia Road on NE Lake lamonia

Vause Landing
Jack Vause Landing Rd off of
SR 20 on SE Lake Talquin

Wainwright Landing
Wainwright Road off of SR
20 on South Lake Talquin

Williams Landing
William's Landing Road off of
SR 20 on SE Lake Talquin

# LEON COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS

Phone Numbers Camping Information: Local: (850) 350-9560 Toll Free: (866) 350-9560

**Coe Landing Campground** 1208 Coe Landing Rd

20 RV Sites with 30 Amp hookups, Wifi, Showers, Dump Station

Williams Landing Campground 951 Williams Landing Rd 10 Tent or RV mixed use sites. Showers

**Luther Hall Campground** 

2997 Luther Hall Landing Rd 10 Tent Camping Sites, Showers



US 27 North Boat Landing, Lake Jackson



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